

The image shows a close-up of a rock surface densely covered with petroglyphs. The rock is a dark, mottled brown color. The petroglyphs are carved into the surface, appearing as lighter, tan-colored marks. There are many different types of petroglyphs: some are simple lines or dots, others are more complex shapes like circles or spirals, and some are clearly identifiable as animals, such as a bighorn sheep in the lower right and a deer-like animal in the upper right. A large, stylized handprint is visible in the upper left. The overall impression is one of a well-used and ancient rock shelter or cave wall.

Petroglyphs

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Facts

- They are ancient drawings carved into rocks
- Petroglyphs have been found in all parts of the globe except Antarctica with highest concentrations in parts of Africa, Scandinavia, Siberia, southwestern North America and Australia.
- Some petroglyphs are thought to be astronomical markers, maps, and other forms of symbolic communication, including a form of "pre-writing"